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Comptroller

AUTHORIZATION

1. ON 17 DEC, THE SENATE PASSED THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1971

~~and APPROVED A RELATED SENATE/HOUSE CONFERENCE REPORT WHICH ELIMINATED LAOS~~

~~from~~ THE REF PARA ONE PROVISION THAT WOULD HAVE PRECLUDED THE USE OF U.S. FUNDS  
(APPROPRIATED UNDER ANY PROVISION OF LAW) TO FINANCE ~~XXXXXX~~

MILITARY OPERATIONS BY FOREIGN (INCLUDING THAI) FORCES IN LAOS ~~without specific~~  
~~prior Congressional approval. The provision now applies to Thailand, North Vietnam~~ AUTHORIZATION ~~shortly~~  
~~or India.~~ THE HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO PASS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WHEN IT

~~reconvenes in mid January. At this time, A 10 funding has been~~  
~~applied~~ ~~Continued under a continuing resolution through 22 Feb 1972.~~ LAOS from

2. THE ~~XXXX~~ ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE ELIMINATION OF THIS PROVISION ONE  
OF ~~16~~ THREE MUSTS AMONG ~~XXXX~~ TWENTY SIX ADMINISTRATION OBJECTIONS THAT WERE  
REGISTERED WITH THE CONFERENCE IN PREPARATION FOR CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION  
~~XXXXXX~~  
OF THE SENATE VERSION(S) THAT WERE DESCRIBED IN REF.

Both

(INCLUDING SYMINGTON AMENDMENT)

3. THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL HAS BEEN APPROVED  
BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL (WHICH  
CONTAINS THE NASF FUNDS FOR SUPPORT TO LAOS) IS PENDING IN CONGRESS ~~have been approved by the President,~~  
~~ceiling~~

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4. SINCE THE ~~XXXXXX~~ DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL  
AND THE ~~XXXXXX~~ ACTION IN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT CONFERENCE REPORT  
IS NOW LAW AND THE SENATE HAS ~~APPROVED~~ ELIMINATION OF THE PROVISION AGAINST  
USING DEFENSE PROCUREMENT OR OTHER FUNDS TO FINANCE THAI FORCES IN LAOS,

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